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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**INSPECTOR REPORT' FOR CRITICAL INCIDENT 'A SERIOUS ASSAULT OF A DETAINED
PERSON RESULTING IN ADMISSION TO HOSPITAL AT THE ALEXANDER MACONOCHIE
CENTRE 13 DECEMBER - GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

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INTRODUCTION

The ACT Government welcomes the report from the ACT Custodial Inspector ('the Inspector') - formerly known as the Inspector of Correctional Services - titled *Review of a Critical Incident Report – A Serious Assault of a Detained Person Resulting in Admission to Hospital at the Alexander Maconochie Centre 13 December 2023* (the Report) tabled in the ACT Legislative Assembly on 28 August 2024.

The report makes one recommendation, which the ACT Government has carefully considered and agrees-in-principle to. A table summarising the ACT Government response to the recommendation made by the Inspector and proposed actions and timeframes for completion of the recommendation can be found at Annexure 1.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

The Report outlines an incident of assault on a detained person by another detained person at the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) on 13 December 2023, resulting in admission to hospital.

The Report found that while ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) Correctional Officers (COs) demonstrated improvements driven by previous recommendations – that they secured and managed the crime scene and evidence according to policy and procedure – the existence and use of multiple information systems by ACTCS introduced unnecessary and unacceptable risk in custodial operations. It was also found that not all incident reports completed contained a satisfactory level of detail for record keeping, particularly in relation to why the incident may have occurred.

The Report contained one recommendation relating to reviewing the interaction of ACTCS' electronic information management system (known as CORIS) with the Daily Brief, with a focus on how to ensure systems for recording key information relating to risk, and safety and wellbeing of detained people are efficient, minimise gaps and are well understood by COs.

The ACT Government agrees-in-principle to this recommendation, with ACTCS already examining how to maximise the benefits of data and information from CORIS. Work to address the Inspector's recommendation will be considered as part of this work. Due to the breadth of work involved, ACTCS is developing a workplan which is scheduled to be finalised by the end of April 2025.

Conclusion

The ACT Government welcomes this opportunity to respond to the Inspector's Report and outline the work currently underway to fulfil its commitment to continuous service improvement, contributing to the safety and wellbeing of detainees.

Annexure 1

ACT Government Response to Recommendation

Recommendation	Government Response	Implementation timeframe
Recommendation 1: That within 3 months of the tabling of this report, ACT Corrective Services review the interaction of CORIS with the Daily Brief. The review should focus on how to ensure systems for recording key information relating to risk, and safety and wellbeing of detained people are efficient, minimise gaps and are well understood by Corrections Officers.	Agreed-in-Principle The ACT Government acknowledges the importance of ensuring information relating to risk, and safety and wellbeing of detained people is recorded efficiently and is easily accessible. ACT Corrective Services will review the interaction of CORIS with the Daily Brief as part of broader work that is underway to review the system. This work is currently in its early stages and includes considering the establishment of standardised records management practices and formalised learning for staff around the use of CORIS with a view to improving how information is captured and accessed. Due to the breadth of work to be undertaken, implementation was unable to be actioned within the 3-month period recommended by the Inspector. A workplan outlining actions to implement this work and address the Inspector's recommendation is anticipated to be finalised by the end of April 2025.	Workplan to be finalised by end of April 2025.